

Be Prepared!

It is important to plan and prepare for all types of severe weather.

Emergency Kit

This kit works well for most any disaster:

- Water—1 gallon (3.8 l) per person (7-day supply)
- Food (non-perishable)
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered radio
- Extra batteries for radio
- First aid kit
- Medicines (7-day supply)
- Multi-purpose tool
- Toilet paper
- Cell phone with chargers
- Family and emergency contact information
- Cash



Prepare for Thunderstorms

- Learn about your community’s emergency warning system.
- Discuss storm safety with your family.
- Pick a safe place in your home to gather (away from windows, glass doors, and skylights).
- Make a list of things to bring inside during severe weather.
- Bring animals inside or put them in a protected area like the one the family uses.



Prepare for Tornadoes

- Listen to local news to know about tornado watches and warnings.
- Know your community’s warning system for tornadoes.
- Pick a safe place in your home to gather (basement, storm cellar, inside room on lowest floor with no windows).
- Practice tornado drills.
- Make a list of things to bring inside or secure (anything that can be blown away by wind).
- Watch for tornado signs during storms (dark, greenish clouds, wall cloud, large hail, funnel cloud, roaring noise).



Prepare for Hurricanes

- Listen to the radio for information from the National Weather Service (NWS).
- Bring in things that can be blown away.
- Close windows, doors, and hurricane shutters. If you do not have hurricane shutters, close and board up all windows and doors with plywood.



- Turn the refrigerator and freezer to the coldest setting and keep closed as much as possible.
- Turn off the propane tank, if you have one.
- Unplug small appliances.
- Make a hurricane evacuation plan.
- Practice the evacuation plan
- Obey evacuation orders and avoid flooded roads.

How Prepared Are We?